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SUBJECT: UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND - GROUP B DISCUSSION

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1. AT OCTOBER 31 MEETING GROUP B HAD PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH PROVISIONAL AGENDA ITEM 7 OF PC-VI - TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES FOR THE IDF.

2. JAPAN SAID TOKYO ATTACHED THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE TO SATISFACTORY DRAFTING OF THE FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY PROVISIONS OF UNIDO'S STATUTES AND THEREFORE WANT TO HAVE THE QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IDF AND ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS EXAMINED IN CONNECTION WITH THOSE ARTICLES. IN THIS CONNECTION IT COULD BE ARGUED WITH THE G-77 THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIDO DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD DID NOT TURN ON THE EXISTENCE OF AN IDF SINCE THE ANNUAL PLEDGING CONFERENCE WOULD CONTINUE TO BE A VEHICLE FOR PROVIDING RESOURCES TO THE GTF. SO FAR AS PC-VI WAS CONCERNED IT COULD BE THE OCCASION FOR AN INITIAL EXCHANGE AMONG DELS OF VIEWS AND OPINIONS ON THE PURPOSES AND ADMINISTRATION OF AN IDF WITHOUT MAKING DEFINITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO

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THE IDB. JAPANESE VIEWS WERE ECHOED BY AUSTRIA.

3. SWITZERLAND FELT THAT IDF COULD BE CONSIDERED IN PC AND IDB MORE OR LESS CONCURRENTLY WITH COW NEGOTIATION OF STATUTES SO THAT CONCLUSIONS ON BOTH COULD BE REACHED IN PARALLEL. NETHERLANDS WAS NOT OPPOSED TO FIRST DISCUSSION OF IDF RULES AT PC-VI BUT ITS ESTABLISHMENT SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL COMING INTO FORCE OF NEW UNIDO STATUTES. ACTUALLY IT PREFERRED DELETING ARTICLE 14 OF DRAFT STATUTES AND ESTABLISHING IDF BY RESOLUTION OF UNIDO/SA FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE. ITALY FELT THERE WAS CLOSE CONNECTION BETWEEN IDF AND UNIDO STATUTES. FOR EXAMPLE, STATUTES MIGHT INCLUDE PROVISION PROVIDING FOR POLICY CONTROL OF IDF AMONG STATUTORY FUNCTIONS OF IDB. FRG FELT DELS SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF IDF AT PC-VI. FRG, HOWEVER, HAD NO INTENTION OF CONTRIBUTING TO IDF. IN ANY CASE IT FELT DOCUMENT C.3/39 WAS A DISAPPOINTING ONE THAT STOPPED WHERE IT SHOULD HAVE BEGUN.

4. USDEL, WHILE NOTING CONSIDERATIONS REFTEL, AGREED THAT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON C.3/39 AND RELATED ASPECTS OF IDF AT PC-VI WOULD BE APPROPRIATE SINCE IT WAS AGREED AT IDB-IX TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM ON PC-VI AGENDA. HOWEVER IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE THAT PC-VI NOT ATTEMPT TO PRESENT DEFINITIVE PROPOSALS ON TERMS OF REFERENCE AND RULES FOR IDF TO IDB AND THAT QUESTIONS SUCH AS TIMING OF ESTABLISHMENT OF IDF AND EXTENT TO WHICH UNIDO STATUTES WOULD DEAL WITH THE FUND SHOULD BE THE SUBJECT OF LATER DISCUSSION AT IDB AND/OR COW. IN ANY CASE, IF DECISION WERE THAT IDF SHOULD COME INTO EXISTENCE ABOUT THE TIME OF COMING INTO FORCE OF THE STATUTES THERE WOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME TO DEFINE THE PURPOSE AND RULES OF THE FUND.

5. GROUP AGREED TO HAVE FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HANDLING AGENDA ITEM 7 AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING. STIBRAVY

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